

RESOLUTION 2013R-

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Supporting Earth Hour 2013.

Whereas, the inaugural Earth Hour took place in Sydney, Australia in March 2007 with more than 2.2 million people participating in an effort that darkened icons such as the Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge and resulted in a ten per cent drop in energy usage - double what had been predicted; and

Whereas, the World Wildlife Federation (WWF) launched Earth Hour as a global initiative in which cities and communities will turn out their lights to symbolize their leadership and commitment to finding solutions for climate change; and

Whereas, cities from around the world, including Minneapolis since 2008, have participated; and

Whereas, during Earth Hour, governments, businesses, community leaders and individuals will be turning out their lights and switching on their support for actions that can help make a difference in one of the most significant challenges facing the world today; and

Whereas, Earth Hour reminds us that each of us can be part of the solution to climate change, and

Whereas, in Minneapolis 40% of greenhouse gas emissions comes from electricity; and

Whereas, those Minneapolis buildings participating in Audubon Minnesota's "Lights Out" Campaign are to be commended for turning off lights during spring and fall bird migration in order to reduce the risk of birds hitting tall office buildings during the night.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of Minneapolis:

That on March 23, 2013 from 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. the City will participate in Earth Hour by turning off all uses of electricity in municipal buildings not required for life, safety or operations, and will turn off the decorative lighting on the Stone Arch Bridge for the entire night as a symbol of the City's commitment to being part of the solution to climate change; and

Be It Further Resolved that residents of Minneapolis are encouraged to participate in Earth Hour and reduce their energy usage during every hour of the year; and

Be It Further Resolved that we encourage all Minneapolis businesses to participate in Earth Hour, and specifically recognize and thank the following for their leadership and participation in the Lights Out for migrating birds campaign:

- 100, 111, and 20 Washington Square
- 225 South Sixth St.
- 33 South 6th Street / City Center
- Accenture Tower
- Ameriprise - CSC Building
- Ameriprise Financial Center
- Campbell Mithun Tower
- Carlyle Condominium
- Fifth Street Towers (100 and 150 S 5th St)
- Fifty South Sixth
- Grant Park Tower
- Hennepin County Central Library
- Hennepin County Health Services Building
- Hennepin County Government Center
- IDS Center
- LaSalle Plaza
- One Financial Plaza
- Plaza VII
- RBC Plaza/Gaviidae Common II
- Retek on the Mall
- Riverplace
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
- US Bancorp Center
- US Bank Plaza
- Wells Fargo Center.